

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

At 3:30pm, Madam Chair Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. Also present was Foster County State’s Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the June 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, June 24<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Commissioner Hagel noted one correction. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the bills seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

38814	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	196.29
38815	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	15.99
38816	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
38817	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	153.67
38818	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	118.02
38819	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	522.09
38820	CENTRAL CITY H20+	24.00
38821	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	664.64
38822	FOSTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD	32,739.30
38823	FOSTER COUNTY WEED BOARD	1,469.00
38824	HEARTLAND HEATING & COOLING	8,258.00
38825	JERROD HOLTE	25.20
38826	JESSICA MOSER	176.40
38827	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	27,624.99
38828	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	177.01
38829	JUSTIN JOHNSON	246.35
38830	KARA BRINSTER	441.00
38831	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	556.20
38832	MELANIE G HESCH	15.40
38833	OK TIRE STORE	959.50
38834	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	1,608.17
38835	SIG SAUER, INC.	332.78
38836	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
38837	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	1,450.00
38838	TIM SCHUSTER	200.00
38839	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	7,996.00

Commissioner Copenhaver requested to add insurance under the Road Department. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda with the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no update on the lots by Juanita Lake. The tables for the community room should be arriving any day.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update on the department. The railroad will be closing the tracks in Glenfield on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>. They are going to route traffic two miles west and a mile north. State traffic will be routed to highway 9 and highway 15. Ditch cleanout discussion will be tabled until the water subsides. The Murphy and South Bordulac roads have seen a lot of durapatching this summer. The department will start mowing tops of ditches next week. Auditor/Treasurer Roundy had previously provided information to the BOCC regarding the damage to the Grace City Shop. They have been in contact with NDIRF and an insurance adjuster. The adjuster has been inundated with claims after the recent storms and will get here as soon as possible. Commissioner Scanson and Commissioner Copenhaver were going to reach out to individuals for estimates.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, joined the meeting via phone to provide an update on the basement renovation. The painting that was completed by General Roofing and Construction does not match the existing paint. Painting was required due to patching the areas blocked off by construction. Discussion included that the paint should’ve been verified and matched in the first place. Options are for the custodian/maintenance to repaint, or General roofing and Construction will hire someone at \$35/hour. The vault floors currently have no finish or paint. There was no sealant called out on the plans for the concrete floors. EAPC will provide finishes the county could do at their own expense. The bathroom tiles have been cleaned up. There are still areas that will need to be removed and reinstalled. Once that work is done, EAPC will visit onsite to sign off on that fix. The election closet had HVAC supplies and once removed, there was damage visible on the walls. General Roofing and Construction will be in contact with the HVAC contractor on repairs. Community Room tables should arrive in a day or two. EAPC provided options for blinds. The BOCC can review and order if they’d like.

Jeremiah and Angie Blahna approached the BOCC regarding closing of two section lines. The lines they are requesting to close have been farmed for over ten years and have not been used by the public. They own both sides of the lines between the NW ¼ of section 27-145-67 and NE ¼ of section 28-145-67. Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster provided a memo to the BOCC and Blahnas. One of the following terms must apply: not used for ten years; not traveled due to natural obstacles or difficult terrain; not required due to readily accessible alternate routes of travel; or intersected by public highways that cause the section line to be a dead end. Brinster reiterated that the counties' easement on the section line is permanent. The BOCC set a public hearing date for August 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in the Community Room at the Foster County Courthouse.

Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy provided the updated fee schedule to the BOCC. The state has updated the clerk of court fees that go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. These rates are set at the state level; the county does not have any control. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the fee schedule, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included an update to work completed at Juanita Lake. Dennis Swanson is co-host to the campground with Kim Becker. After the storms Dennis cleaned up downed trees and branches. He installed water hookups for every camping unit and pressure washed the Quonset. The park area and campground look very nice thanks to Dennis' work. The Auditor/Treasurer's office has updated the website to reflect changes at Juanita Lake. NDSU Extension Agent, Jeff Gale, has been working on garden projects with the residents at Golden Acres. Additional discussion included creating and implementing a policy for SB 2180.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

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Becky Sue Hagel, Madam Chair  
Board of County Commissioners